

Access to High Quality Early Learning for Washington's Young Children

Round II Options
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AGENDA

- Timeline
- Round II Policy Options
- Parenting Education and Support Costs
- Phase-In Options

Access Study Timeline

- Round I results presented June 28th
- Steering Group modified options July 13th
- Round II analysis to be completed by early August
- Information available prior to Washington Learns Retreat on August 9-10
- Presentation to ELC on August 22
- Draft report to Steering Group/ ELC in September

Round II Options

All Options Include:

- Costs based on moderate salary schedule
- Modified affordability goals, modified eligibility
- Family, Friend, and Neighbor supports and parent support and education
- Modified Governance and Administration

Affordability Guidelines

- Family portion of child care costs increases as income increases
- Low-income families pay no more than current system
- Higher income families pay no less than current payments
- Income cut-off for assistance: Just over 3 x Federal Poverty Line (~\$62,000 for family of four)

Round II Options: Comparisons

- Work requirements only for middle income and above ($> 2 \times$ federal poverty line) vs. all eligible families
- Assistance packages:
 - Scholarship only vs. scholarship combined with institutional support
- Cost of achieving 50th percentile market rates system-wide

Parent Education and Support

- Working group developed proposal
- Steering Committee Suggests:
 - Support infrastructure and needs assessment: \$1.7 million
 - Phase-in home visiting programs in highest risk communities (costs to be determined)

Phase-In Options

□ Phase-in by:

- Geographic area
 - ~10 QRIS communities (about 25% of the population);
 - Home-visiting to highest risk communities (about 25% of population)
- Governance and administration costs reflect a phased-in approach